Title 2, California Code of Regulations Division 2. Financial Operations Chapter 1. State Board of Control Article 5.6 Indemnification of Victims of Crime

The text of the regulation shown went into effect as an emergency regulation on February 3, 2003.

## Section 649.11. Emergency Awards.

- (a) An applicant may indicate on the application that he or she is applying for an emergency award.
- (b) Upon receipt of an application for an emergency award, the Board shall expedite the process of verifying the application to determine if an emergency award is appropriate. Board staff shall make telephone calls and transmit documents electronically or by facsimile to quickly obtain information necessary to evaluate an application for an emergency award. A decision regarding an application for an emergency award shall be promptly communicated to the applicant.
- (c) An emergency award may be allowed when it is necessary to avoid or mitigate a substantial hardship to the applicant that is the direct result of the qualifying crime. Substantial hardship shall include the following:
  - (1) The inability to provide for the necessities of life, including but not limited to shelter, food, medical care, or personal safety, without the emergency award.
  - (2) The inability to pay for funeral and burial expenses or crime scene cleaning expenses without the emergency award.
- (d) The amount of an emergency award shall be based on the applicant's immediate financial need as a direct result of the qualifying crime. Immediate financial need shall be determined by the financial assistance needed to avoid substantial hardship before the receipt of non-emergency assistance.
- (e) An applicant for an emergency award shall provide sufficient information to substantiate both of the following:
  - (1) An emergency award is necessary to avoid substantial hardship as a direct result of the qualifying crime; and
  - (2) The applicant has an immediate financial need for an emergency award as a direct result of the qualifying crime.
- (f) If sufficient information as required by subdivision (e) is not provided, an application for an emergency award shall be processed as an application for non-emergency assistance. The amount of the emergency award being requested shall be considered when determining the amount or type of information required to verify the application for an emergency award.

Note: Authority cited: Section 13920(c), Government Code. Reference: Section 13952.5, Government Code.